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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and §§1.97 and 1.98 as amended, Applicant cites the following art references. These references were cited in the earlier application, Serial No. 09/947,752 filed on 7 September 2001, on which the present divisional application is being filed. Also, it is respectfully submitted that the information disclosure statement(s) filed in the aforesaid earlier application complies with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(b). **In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), copies of these references are not enclosed.**

U.S. Patent References

	<u>U.S. Patent No.</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
✓	5,398,599	Woo	3/21/95
✓	5,458,186	Lee <i>et al.</i>	10/17/95
✓	6,327,867	Hyodo <i>et al.</i>	12/11/2001
✓	4,569,205	Dempou <i>et al.</i>	2/11/1986

Foreign Patent References

	<u>Korean Utility Model No.</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>	<u>Pub. Date</u>
✓	20-0189350	Nam	5/4/00

	<u>Korean Patent Pub. No.</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>	<u>Pub. Date</u>
✓	1995-0010555	Lee	9/19/95
✓	1996-0011626	Jung	8/24/96
✓	0169616	Kim <i>et al.</i>	10/12/98

	<u>Korean Pat. First Pub. No.</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>	<u>Pub. Date</u>
✓	96-0038331	Kim	11/21/96
✓	1999-0032147	Oh	5/6/99
✓	1999-0065128	Kim	8/5/99
✓	2000-0040290	Choi <i>et al.</i>	7/5/00

	<u>Japanese Patent Pub. No.</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>	<u>Pub. Date</u>
✓	4-268182	Yamamoto	9/24/92
✓	7-110183	Yoshida <i>et al.</i>	4/25/95

✓	7-180951	Hongo <i>et al.</i>	7/18/95
✓	7-246022	Satake <i>et al.</i>	9/26/95
✓	10-300319	Shimizu <i>et al.</i>	11/13/98

Descriptions

U.S. Patent No. 5,398,599 to Woo discloses *Apparatus For Controlling Seasoning of Kimchi In Refrigerator.*

U.S. Patent No. 5,458,186 to Lee *et al.* discloses *Refrigerator With Kimchi Seasoning And Storing Chamber.*

U.S. Patent No. 6,327,867 to Hyodo *et al.* discloses *Refrigerator Having a Cooler Mounted in Each of a Refrigerator Compartment and a Freezer Compartment.*

U.S. Patent No. 4,569,205 to Dempou *et al.* discloses *Electric Refrigerator Having Improved Freezing and Defrosting Characteristics.*

Korean Utility Model No. 20-0189350 to Nam discloses *Kimchi Refrigerator Equipped With The Function Of Temperature Control And Method Thereof.*

Korean Patent Pub. No. 1995-0010555 to Lee discloses *Refrigerator With Storeroom And Ripening Room.*

Korean Patent Pub. No. 1996-0011626 to Jung discloses *Method And Apparatus For Kimchi Seasoning, Yogurt And Chunggookjang Fermentation In A Refrigerator.*

Korean Patent Pub. No. 0169616 to Kim *et al.* discloses *Apparatus And Method Of Temperature Control In A Refrigerator.*

Korean Patent First Pub. No. 96-0038331 to Kim discloses *Apparatus For Controlling Uniform Freezing In A Refrigerator*.

Korean Patent First Pub. No. 1999-0032147 to Oh discloses *Apparatus For Supplying A Cool Air In A Refrigerator*.

Korean Patent First Pub. No. 1999-0065128 to Kim discloses *Refrigerating Chamber Structure And Temperature Control Method For A Refrigerator*.

Korean Patent First Pub. No. 2000-0040290 to Choi *et al.* discloses *Internal Temperature Sensor For Kimchi Refrigerator*.

Japanese Patent Pub. No. 4-268182 to Yamamoto discloses *Temperature Controller Of Refrigerator*.

Japanese Patent Pub. No. 7-110183 to Yoshida *et al.* discloses *Control Device For Refrigerator*.

Japanese Patent Pub. No. 7-180951 to Hongo *et al.* discloses *Refrigerator Provided With Drying Function*.

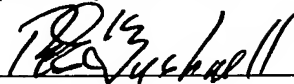
Japanese Patent Pub. No. 7-246022 to Satake *et al.* discloses *Refrigerator For Crops*.

Japanese Patent Pub. No. 10-300319 to Shimizu *et al.* discloses *Refrigerator*.

The citation of the foregoing references is not intended to constitute an assertion that other or more relevant art does not exist. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to make a wide-ranging and thorough search of the relevant art.

No fee is incurred by this Statement.

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	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	YES	NO
	20-0189350*	5/00**	Korea				✓
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	96-0038331*	11/96**	Korea				✓
	1999-0032147*	5/99**	Korea				✓
	1999-0065128*	8/99**	Korea				✓
	2000-0040290*	7/00**	Korea				✓
	4-268182*	9/92**	Japan			abstract	
	7-110183*	4/95**	Japan			abstract	
	7-180951*	7/95**	Japan			abstract	
	7-246022*	9/95**	Japan			abstract	
	10-300319*	11/98**	Japan			abstract	
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